

July 17, 2006

The Honorable John Boehner  
US House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Majority Leader Boehner,

As members of the Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS America), the largest and most pre-eminent trade association representing the intelligent transportation systems industry in the United States, we would like to express our support for HR 5684, the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act. At the same time, we would like to express our appreciation for your hard-work and leadership on this issue.

As stated in the legislation, we believe that this bill will lay the foundation for further cooperation to expand and enhance the benefits of this agreement with this very important Middle Eastern country. This is even more so at a time when the United States continues to try to win the hearts and minds of the average citizen in this volatile region. The bill will establish free trade between the two countries through the reduction and elimination of barriers to trade in goods and services, and to investment. We believe the bill will strengthen and develop the increasing economic relations between the United States and the Sultanate of Oman.

ITS America is a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) organization, established in 1991, to coordinate the development and deployment of intelligent transportation systems (ITS) in the United States. ITS America has alliances with ITS organizations in other countries, most notably in Europe and Asia. Originally formed as a utilized Federal advisory committee, ITS America works closely with the Department of Transportation and other Federal agencies on projects and programs in support of the National ITS Program.

Within your state, ITS America members include: AAA Ohio Automobile Club (Worthington); the American Motorcyclist Association (Pickerington); Battelle Memorial Institute (Columbus); the Central Ohio Transit Authority (Columbus); the Cities of Columbus and Toledo; ITS Mid-America (Columbus); the Ohio Turnpike Commission (Berea); PDP Associates, Inc. (Cincinnati); the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Columbus); and TEC Engineering (Cincinnati).

We hope that these provisions are maintained during consideration of the bill and look forward to the bill's eventual passage.

Sincerely,

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